AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a drug granule, comprising a granulation step of spraying only a solution of a water soluble drug on a crystal of said water soluble drug substantially without using a binder or in the absence of binder in a rotary fluidized bed granulate coating apparatus, wherein the drug granule has a granular strength of 650-2500 gf/mm^2, and wherein the drug is selected from the group consisting of metformin hydrochloride, ethydronic acid di-sodium, cimetidine, carbocistein, gabapentin, ciprofloxacin hydrochloride, mexiletine hydrochloride and vancomycin hydrochloride.

2-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a coated granule, which comprises:

(a) spraying a solution of a water soluble drug on a crystal of said water soluble drug obtained by a method comprising a granulation step of spraying only a solution of a water soluble drug on a crystal of said water soluble drug substantially without using a binder or in the absence of binder in a rotary fluidized bed granulate coating apparatus to form a drug granule,

wherein the drug granule has a granular strength of 650-2500 gf/mm^2 and the drug is selected from the group consisting of metformin hydrochloride, ethydronic acid

di-sodium, cimetidine, carbocistein, gabapentin, ciprofloxacin hydrochloride, mexiletine hydrochloride and vancomycin hydrochloride; and

(b) a coating said drug granule with a release control film coating agent.

11-14. (Cancelled)